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1. DEPUTY GROUP LEADER SHIMOJO INFORMED POLCOUNS JUNE 29 THAT DIETMEN HAVE DECIDED IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE THEIR SPECIFIC, SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WITH COUNTERPART CONGRESSMEN AND USG OFFICIALS IN PAIRS RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALLY. WITH THIS IN MIND THEY HAVE TEAMED UP AS FOLLOWS: HAYASHI AND AICHI; KONDO AND FURUYA; TSUSHIMA AND SHIMOJO. GROUP LEADER NAKAYAMA WOULD LIKE TO BE ALONE AND HAVE FREEDOM TO SIT IN ON APPOINTMENTS OF TEAMS AS THEY COINCIDE WITH HIS INTERESTS. WHILE PAIRING UP WOULD CUT DOWN NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS DEPARTMENT AND JAPANESE EMBASSY WOULD NEED TO ARRANGE, IT WOULD NOT PRECLUDE WHOLE GROUP'S PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS WHICH WERE OF INTEREST TO EVERY MEMBER, E.G., WITH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE KREPS.

2. AT SHIMOJO'S PROMPTING, SOME DIETMEN HAVE PREPARED
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WRITTEN "TALKING POINTS" PAPERS TO GIVE FOCUS TO THEIR CONVERSATIONS. THESE ARE SUMMARIZED IN FOLLOWING PARAS.

3. SHIMOJO -- RE U.S.-JAPAN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, FUNDAMENTALS BEHIND IMBALANCE, U.S. AND JAPANESE PROPOSALS FOR ADJUSTMENTS, AND FORECASTS OF U.S. BALPA IN 1978. ON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY POLICY, WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS

DOLLAR/YEN EXCHANGE RATE; NEW EC PROPOSALS (SNAKE OR BOA); U.S. VIEWS ON FUNCTION OF IMF; AND FLOATING EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM. ON U.S. DOMESTIC ECONOMIC MATTERS, HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS USG PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF DOMESTIC DEMAND SUCH AS PUBLIC INVESTMENT, TAX CUT, MONETARY POLICY; EFFORTS TO CONTROL INFLATION; AND ENERGY POLICY.

4. TSUSHIMA -- WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP FEASIBILITY OF JAPAN'S CURTAILING SURPLUS TRADE BALANCE BY RAISING GROWTH RATE; EFFICIENCY OF FLEXIBLE EXCHANGE RATES AS TOOL FOR CORRECTING TRADE IMBALANCES; AND FEASIBILITY OF FORMULATING REALISTIC BALANCE OF PAYMENTS GOALS GIVEN UNCERTAINTY OF WORLD OIL SUPPLY AND OPEC POLICY.

5. KONDO, WHO IS MEMBER OF SEIRANKAI AND PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SUBMITTED VERY LENGTHY LIST OF QUESTIONS WHICH BOIL DOWN TO: (A) CONCERN OVER SUPPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM ASIA IN VIEW OF SOVIET BUILDUP IN PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEANS AND ROLE OF JAPAN IN ASIAN DEFENSE; (B) YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT, HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE, UNIVERSITY COSTS AND REFORM OF U.S. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM; (C) U.N. UNIVERSITY AND WHY USG HAS NOT CONTRIBUTED TO IT.

6. ON AGRICULTURE, KONDO AND FURUYA HAVE SUBMITTED ANOTHER LENGTHY LIST OF QUESTIONS WHICH FOCUS ON: (A) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUED ABILITY OF U.S. TO PLAY MAJOR SUPPLIER ROLE IN FUTURE WORLD FOOD SUPPLY; (B) DEPENDABILITY OF U.S. AS SOURCE OF VITAL JAPANESE AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS, E.G., SOYBEAN EMBARGO IN 1973, AND USG REQUESTS THAT JAPAN GREATLY INCREASE ITS AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM U.S.

7. AICHI AND HAYASHI HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED TALKING POINTS BUT INDICATED THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF STEEL CAUCUS TO DISCUSS TRIGGER-PRICING MECHANISM AND OTHER PARTICULARS.

8. KONDO IN JUNE 30 CHANCE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR CPURSUED THOUGHTS HE HAS EARLIER VOICED THAT TIME HAS COME FOR JAPAN TO ASSUME LARGER BURDEN OF U.S.-JAPAN EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE. IN THIS CONNECTION HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING MEMBERS OF SENATE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, AND IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS AMBASSADOR MENTIONED SENATORS WILLIAMS, PELL, KENNEDY AND CRANSTON. MANSFIELD

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